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SUBJ: ASIAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE

REF: TOKYO 7146

SUMMARY: SUBJECT CONFERENCE CONCLUDED OCT 3 AFTER
APPROVING STATEMENTS WHICH, WHILE NOT EARTHSHAKING, ACKNOWLEDGED
HUMAN ELEMENT OF LABOR PROGRAMS AND ENCOURAGED GREATER
REGIONAL COOPERATION AND GREATER REGIONAL ACTIVITY BY ILO.
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AUSTRALIA CHOSEN AS SITE FOR NEXT CONFERENCE - IN 1975. END

SUMMARY.

1. FOURTH ASIAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE CONCLUDED OCT 3 AFTER UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND REPORTS ON "ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF LABOR ADMINISTRATION" AND "EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT". (TEXTS BEING PASSED BY AIR POUCH). AUSTRALIA'S OFFER TO HOST THE FIFTH CONFERENCE IN 1975 WAS ACCEPTED.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE, NOTING THAT CONFERENCE DELEGATES REPRESENTED TWO-THIRDS OF WORLD'S POPULATION AND AN AREA WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT, URGED GREATER MULTINATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND A LARGER ILO ROLE IN THE REGION. REPORT ON LABOR ADMINISTRATION ENDORSED "TRIPARTITISM" CAREFULLY BUT DEFINITELY RECOMMENDING A LABOR UNION INPUT IN COUNTRIES' LABOR POLICY FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION. ALL THREE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS STRESSED REGIONAL COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN REGION TO THOSE NOT SO ECONOMICALLY ADVANCED.

3. ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT, INDEPENDENT OR THROUGH ILO, WAS DISCUSSED BUT NOT ACTED UPON. HOWEVER TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL CONTACTS THE CONFERENCE DID AGREE THAT IN YEARS WHEN THERE WAS NO ASIAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE, LABOR MINISTERS OF THE REGION WOULD ARRANGE TO GET TOGETHER IN GENEVA DURING ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE CONFERENCE APPEARS TO HAVE BROKEN NO NEW GROUND IN FIELDS DISCUSSED, ACCORDING TO SEVERAL LABOR TECHNICIANS AMONG DELEGATES IT SERVED WORTHWHILE PURPOSE OF INDOCTRINATING IN THE MAIN POLITICALLY APPOINTED LABOR MINISTERS ON TECHNICAL AND QTE HUMAN UNQTE ASPECTS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. CONFERENCE ALSO SERVED GOJ WELL IN PROJECTING SYMPATHETIC, CONSTRUCTIVE IMAGE OF JAPAN TO ITS ASIAN NEIGHBORS.
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